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RINGO KID

LET NOT HISTORY JUDGE HARSHLY A MAN'S DEEDS, UNLESS IT ALSO JUDGE THE BURDEN HE BORE! LET THE LEGEND BE TOLD OF THE RINGO KID...OF THE NEW STAR THAT BLAZED ACROSS THE WESTERN SKIES! FROM THE HEADWATERS OF THE RED RIVER TO THE MOUTH OF THE MISSISSIPPI... FROM THE GREAT WATERSHED OF THE YELLOWSTONE TO THE BANKS OF THE RIO GRANDE... WHEREVER REDMEN OR WHITE GATHER, LET THEM SPIN THE TALES OF THE *RINGO KID* AND THE NICHE HE HEWED FROM THE GRANITE HEART OF THE GREAT WEST!

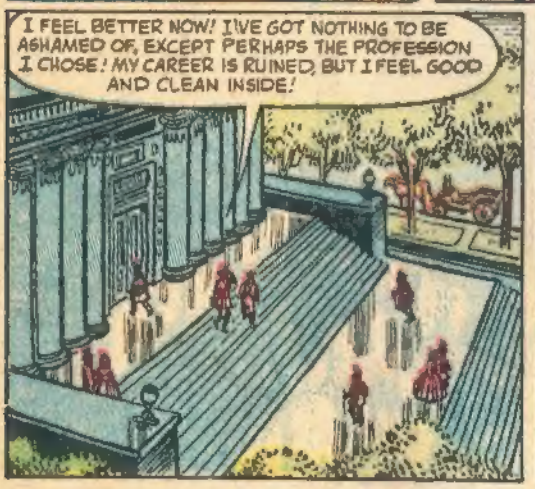
BURIED IN THE DUSTY ARCHIVES OF A MID-WESTERN CITY IS THE STRANGE STORY OF CORY RAND, A BRILLIANT YOUNG ATTORNEY WHOSE CAREER ENDED ABRUPTLY IN 1866...

MR. JAMES! WHAT WAS THE BOARD'S DECISION?
I'M SORRY, RAND...YOUR APPEAL WAS TURNED DOWN! THE ORIGINAL DECISION STANDS! YOUR DISBARMENT IS EFFECTIVE AS OF TODAY!

THE IMPACT OF THOSE WORDS SMASHED INTO CORY RAND'S SENSES LIKE A SLEDGE HAMMER! SHAME INDIGNATION AND ANGER SURGED THROUGH HIM...

BUT WHY? WHAT HAVE I DONE? WHAT CRIME HAVE I COMMITTED? AT LEAST LET ME HEAR THE CHARGES!
PLEASE, RAND... IT'S A SENSITIVE THING...SOMETHING INTANGIBLE! LET'S JUST CALL IT PROFESSIONAL ETHICS! BELIEVE ME, I TRIED, BUT IT WAS NO USE!

ETHICS! SUDDENLY, CORY RAND'S BRAIN BEGAN TO SEE THINGS IN THEIR PROPER LIGHT! EVENTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES BECAME CRYSTAL CLEAR...


I FEEL BETTER NOW! I'VE GOT NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF, EXCEPT PERHAPS THE PROFESSION I CHOSE! MY CAREER IS RUINED, BUT I FEEL GOOD AND CLEAN INSIDE!

CORY RAND WENT HOME TO THE WOMAN HE LOVED...THE WOMAN FOR WHOSE SAKE HIS CAREER HAD BEEN SMASHED...THE PURE-BLOODED COMANCHE PRINCESS, DAWN STAR...

DO NOT BE SAD, MY HUSBAND! YOU WERE BORN IN THE GREAT PRAIRIES AS I WAS! THE LAND IS WAITING FOR US, AND THE LAND IS ALWAYS GOOD TO ITS CHILDREN!
YOU'RE RIGHT, MY DARLING! WE BELONG TO THE PLAINS AND THE HILLS! NOTHING WILL EVER SEPARATE US!

SO CORY RAND RETURNED TO THE PLAINS WHERE HIS PIONEER FATHER HAD CARVED A HOME FROM THE WILDERNESS, AND HE TOOK WITH HIM HIS INDIAN BRIDE! TO THE REDSKINS, CORY RAND WAS LIKE A BLOOD BROTHER, BUT TO HIS OWN KIND THE WHITE MAN, HE WAS AN OUTCAST! HE SHUT HIMSELF OFF FROM THE WORLD, CONTENT TO LIVE HIS CHOSEN LIFE! HE FORGOT THE PAST IN HARD WORK AND HARD LIVING! HIS RANCH THRIVED AND HIS HELP LEARNED TO RESPECT THIS TROUBLED BUT COURAGEOUS MAN!

AND THEN, ONE DAY, THE FIRST CLOUD OF REAL TROUBLE MARRED THE HORIZON...

I CAIN'T MAKE OUT WHO THEY ARE, MISTER RAND! RECKON I OUGHT TO GO OUT AND MEET 'EM?
THANKS, BUS! IF THEY WANT TO SEE ME, LET THEM COME TO ME! YOU BETTER GO BACK WITH THE BOYS!

HOWDY, RAND! RATHBURN'S MY NAME...SHAD RATHBURN! THOUGHT I'D RIDE OUT HERE AN' LOOK OVER YOUR SPREAD! IT'S QUITE A LAYOUT!
I'VE BEEN HERE FOUR YEARS! IT'S KIND OF LATE TO COME OUT AND PAY ME A NEIGHBORLY VISIT! WHAT DO YOU WANT?

WAL, I'LL TELL YOU, RAND! I'VE ALWAYS TAKEN A FANCY TO THIS STRETCH OF COUNTRY! I SORT OF WANT IT... REAL BAD, TOO!
THANKS FOR THE VISIT! YOU CAN HEAD BACK TO TOWN NOW! I'VE GOT WORK TO DO!
I DON'T LIKE A MAN TURNIN' HIS BACK ON ME, RAND! I'LL GIVE YOU TEN THOUSAND CASH FOR THE SPREAD... LOCK, STOCK AND BARREL!
IT'S NOT FOR SALE AT ANY PRICE! NOW GET OUT OF MY WAY!
ONE OF RATHBURN'S HENCHMAN WHIPPED FOR A GUN, BUT HE WAS DEAD BEFORE THE MUZZLE CLEARED THE HOLSTER!
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DON'T TRY TO FRAME ANY ALIBIS, RATHBURN! I SAW YORE DOG-LEG TRY TO DRAW ON MISTER RAND!
GET OUT, RATHBURN, AND DRAG THAT CARCASS WITH YOU!
YOU'LL HEAR FROM ME ABOUT THIS!
THE INCIDENT WAS FORGOTTEN... FOR THAT NIGHT, AS THE MOON HUNG LIKE A LANTERN OVER THE HILLS, A SON WAS BORN TO CORY RAND'S INDIAN WIFE...
THE GREAT SPIRIT HAS SMILED! IT IS A SON... LUSTY AS A WOLF PUP, STRONG AS INUHA, THE MIGHTY OAK! GO... TELL IT TO THE PEOPLE! LET THE WORLD KNOW!
IN THE DISTANT HILLS, THE SOUNDS OF DRUMS BEAT RHYTHMICALLY THROUGH THE NIGHT, CARRYING THE NEWS FAR AND WIDE...
BOOM BOOM BA BOOM
A SHOOTING STAR BLAZED ACROSS THE INDIGO SKIES AND A PROWLING WOLF STOPPED TO BAY AT THE MOON! THESE WERE GOOD OMENS...
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AND CORY RAND THANKED HIS WIFE FOR THE LUSTY, HOWLING CUB WHO WAS HIS SON...

I KNEW ALL ALONG IT WOULD BE A MAN-CHILD! DID YOU SEE HIM, CORY? DID YOU SEE HOW MANITOU HAS MOLDED US BOTH INTO OUR SON?

YES, I SAW! I LOVE YOU! DAWN, YOU HAVE BEEN GOOD TO ME!

THE STARS AND THE MOON WATCHED A STRANGE PROCESSION GALLOP WILDLY TOWARD THE HILLS! CORY RAND CRADLED HIS SON SNUGLY AGAINST HIS STRONG CHEST...

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AHEEE!

BY THE BLAZING LIGHT OF A ROARING FIRE, AN ANCIENT TRIBAL CUSTOM TOOK PLACE, WHILE THE NEWBORN CHILD WAS DIPPED IN THE ICY FROTH OF A CASCADING BROOK...

AKU'NA LANHE' WAN! GIVE HIM THE STRENGTH OF THE BROOK WHICH NEVER DIES! HEAR HIM HOWL LIKE A WOLF!

THEY INTONED THE TIMELESS RITUALS OF THE GODS, EXHORTING FROM EACH THE GIFTS OF WISDOM, STRENGTH AND COURAGE, FOR THE CHILD WAS OF THEIR BLOOD IN PART...

FROM THE ARROW, FLEETNESS! FROM THE MOUNTAINS, STRENGTH! FROM THE SKIES, PURITY AND WISDOM! IT HAS BEEN, IT IS, IT SHALL ALWAYS BE!

THE CHILD GREW UP GRACEFUL AS A BIRCH, STRONG AS THE MIGHTY OAK, LOVED BY ALL AND LOVING ALL! THE REDSKINS TAUGHT HIM THE LORE OF THE HILLS AND PLAINS...

DRAW TO THE DEER, LITTLE BROTHER! IF YOU MISS, WE GO HUNGRY YET ANOTHER DAY!

THE ARROW SPED TRUE AND THE ANTELOPE LEAPED IN DEATH...

STRAIGHT AND TRUE AS THE SUN'S RAYS! HA! OUR LITTLE BROTHER WILL NEVER FEEL HUNGER IN HIS STOMACH!

HE LEARNED TO ROPE, RIDE, WRESTLE, FIGHT, AND FROM THE RANCH HANDS HE ABSORBED THE SECRETS OF ACCURATE SHOOTING WITH THE RIFLE AND SIX-GUN...

LISTEN TO 'EM! RINGO! RINGO!

RINGO IS RIGHT! JUDAS, THIS HERE'S THE RINGO KID!

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NO GREATER LOVE EXISTED BETWEEN CORY RAND AND THE YOUTH WHO CAME TO BE CALLED THE RINGO KID! THE BOND THAT WELDED THEM TOGETHER HAD STEEL SINEWS!

DAD, I GOT SOMETHIN' ON MY MIND! IT'S BOTHERIN' ME! YESTERDAY I PASSED NEAR TOWN AND SAW BOYS MY AGE GOIN' TO SCHOOL! WHY CAN'T I GO TO SCHOOL LIKE THEM?

I KNEW YOU'D ASK THAT QUESTION SOMEDAY, SON! YOU DON'T NEED THEIR SCHOOL! I'VE TAUGHT YOU MORE THAN THEY'LL EVER KNOW... MATH, HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY!

YOU KNOW THE WAYS OF THE REDMEN, THE LORE OF THE HILLS! WHAT MORE COULD A FELLOW ASK FOR?

WHY CAN'T I GO TO SCHOOL WITH THOSE OTHER BOYS?

CORY RAND HAD TO ANSWER, AND HIS HEART WAS HEAVY WITHIN HIM...

WHY? BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT YOU, SON! YOU'RE... WELL, YOU'RE DIFFERENT!

DIFFERENT? I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, DAD... BUT I'LL FIND OUT!

AND THE NEXT DAY, THE RINGO KID FOUND OUT! HE HAD LOPED INTO TOWN SEEKING COMPANY AND HAD FOUND HIMSELF BRUSHED ASIDE...

BUT, I ONLY CAME TO MAKE FRIENDS!

G'WAN BACK TO YORE SHACK, YUH SCURVY HALF-BREED! WE AIN'T PLAYIN' WITH NO GREASER WHO'S GOT A INJUN SQUAW FER A MA!

RAGE AND HATE ROARED WITHIN HIM, AND THE RINGO KID EXPLODED LIKE A BALL OF T.N.T.!

BAR

HE BEAT THEM AS THEY CAME! HE TORE AT THEM LIKE A GRIZZLY GONE BERSERK! HE CLAWED, BIT, KICKED AND GOUSED TO NUMB THE KILLING PAIN OF THEIR INSULTS!

IT'S THAT SCURVY KID OF RANDS! I'LL TEACH HIM TO STAY IN HIS PA'S CORRAL!

SHAD RATHBURN'S WHIP LACED ACROSS THE KID'S SHOULDERS TRACING WELT AFTER WELT, BUT THE KID CLUNG TO HIS QUARRY!

LET UP, YUH MANGY HALF-BREED!

CRACK!

BUT SUDDENLY, LIKE A BOLT FROM THE BLUE, CORY RAND APPEARED AND HIS SIX-GUNS BLASTED VENGEANCE FOR HIS BELOVED CUB...

BREAK AWAY, SON! MAKE FOR THE HILLS! I'LL MEET YOU THERE WHEN I'M THROUGH!

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THE RINGO KID FLED, WHILE HIS FATHER'S GUNS FINISHED THEIR DEADLY BUSINESS...

FOR THE SECOND TIME IN HIS LIFE, CORY RAND'S WORLD TOPPLED ABOUT HIS HEAD AS HE AND HIS SON SAT IN THE BROODING WILDERNESS OF THE LONELY FOREST...

SO YOU FOUND OUT! WELL, IT'S BETTER YOU KNEW! I'LL BE A HUNTED MAN NOW, BUT YOU'RE STILL FREE! JUST PROMISE...ALWAYS CHERISH YOUR MOTHER!

I PROMISE, DAD! I LOVE MOM MORE THAN EVER NOW! I'M PROUD OF HER...AND OF YOU, TOO, DAD!

SUDDENLY, THE MUFFLED BEAT OF DISTANT DRUMS ROLLED THROUGH THE HILLS, AND CORY RAND FELT A GRIM HORROR SEEPING THROUGH HIS MIND AND BODY! HE KNEW...

THE DRUMS! THERE'S TROUBLE AT THE RANCH! TAKE THESE GUNS AND STAY HERE, SON! I'LL BE BACK... MAYBE! IF NOT, GO YOUR OWN WAY!

BA BOOM BA BOOM BA

CORY RAND SAW THE FLAMES FROM THE DISTANCE AND HIS HEART SANK...

WHERE ARE THE MEN? WHY AREN'T THEY TRYING TO PUT OUT THE FIRE?

HE PLUNGED INTO THE INFERNO, STAGGERING THROUGH THE TERRIFIC HEAT SEARCHING FOR HIS WIFE, AND HE FOUND HER PINNED BENEATH A BEAM, BURNED AND SHOT!

DAWN! MY BELOVED! WHAT HAPPENED?...I'LL GET YOU OUT!

NO, MY HUSBAND! TOO LATE! I LOVED YOU MUCH, AND MY LITTLE ONE...I LOVED HIM DEARLY! TAKE CARE OF...MY LITTLE RINGO! WE WILL MEET AGAIN!

HE EMERGED AND FELT THE CHILL WIND ON HIS BURNED FACE! UNABLE TO SEE, HE COULD ONLY HEAR THE VOICES OF THE MURDERERS...

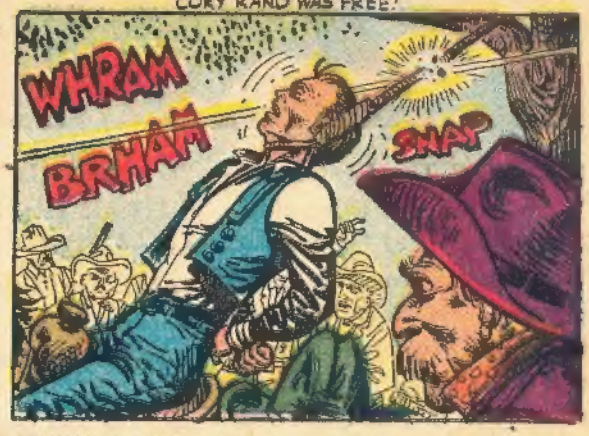
THAR HE IS! GET YORE HANDS UP, RAND! YOU'RE GOIN' TO BE TRIED AN' HUNG!

BY THE MURDERERS OF MY WIFE? WHERE ARE YOU? LET ME SEE YOUR FACES!

THE NOOSE TIGHTENED ABOUT CORY RAND'S NECK, AND SOME OF THE WORDS HE SPOKE STRUCK DEEP INTO THE POISONED MINDS OF THE MOB...

YOU MURDERED MY WIFE AND NOW YOU'RE KILLING ME! YOU'VE GAINED NOTHING, BUT YOU'VE LOST YOUR DIGNITY AS MEN! IN MY SON, MY WIFE AND I WILL LIVE!

THEY TIGHTENED THE NOOSE, AND SUDDENLY A SHOT RANG OUT...THEN ANOTHER, AND THE HEAVY ROPE SHATTERED! CORY RAND WAS FREE!



THE DAY OF RECKONING HAD COME FOR THE RINGO KID!

WHEN THE COLTS WERE EMPTY, THE RINGO KID BEGAN PUMPING HIS WINCHESTER INTO THE MILLING, SCREAMING, STAMPEDING THRONG!

ONCE AGAIN, FATHER AND SON MET IN THE MOUNTAINS, TWO HUNTED SOULS DRAWN TOGETHER BY LOVE AND THE NEED FOR EACH OTHER!

WE'LL HAVE TO PART, SON! YOU'RE MY FLESH AND BLOOD, AND I LOVE YOU DEARLY! LIVE YOUR LIFE CLEAN... BE HONEST AND RESPECT THE GOOD WHICH IS IN ALL MEN!
OH, DAD! I'M CHOKED UP INSIDE, YOU'RE LEAVIN' ME WHEN I NEED YOU MOST!
I'LL REMEMBER! MAYBE WE'LL MEET AGAIN SOMEDAY... SOMEPLACE!

THEY PARTED, EACH NOT WANTING TO SEE THE DESPERATE SORROW IN THE OTHER'S FACE OR HEAR THE TEAR-CHOKED VOICE WHICH TOUCHED THE LOVE IN THEIR HEARTS...

AND THE STAR OF *THE RINGO KID* TOOK ITS PLACE IN THE WESTERN SKIES!

ATLAS FOR THE BEST IN WESTERN THRILLS LOOK FOR THE ATLAS SEAL ON THE COVER! ATLAS

HOSTAGE

SHERIFF Tim Lawson carefully dropped six cartridges into the barrel of his Smith & Wesson .38, turned to watch the trail over Bald Mountain, and silently offered a prayer that Hal would be with the posse when they arrived.

Hal Lawson, young and handsome, was the man for whom the rustlers were gunning. They had threatened the sheriff with killing his son, Hal, if he did not let them escape to the next county.

"If they get my boy, I'll dry gulch every last one of those coyotes, or die in the saddle trying," Tim said slowly under his breath. "And even if they end up gettin' me, I'll take some of them along, I swear."

Tim Lawson was not an easy man to arouse, but once his dander was up, he was not an easy man to quiet. Now, with the life of his only son threatened, he was a fighting man.

The sudden thunder of hoof beats startled Tim out of his thoughts, and focusing his eyes on the crest of Bald Mountain, he saw that the horsemen approaching were his posse. He strained to see if Hal, most fearless horseman and gunman in Clark County, was with them.

Tim's heart sank as the posse came nearer and he saw that his son was not among them. Mounting Whirler, his horse, Tim galloped toward the men.

"Where's Hal?" he shouted. "Is he hurt? Is he . . .?"

"Nope, Tim, he's all right," someone said. "They took him, and they're holding him hostage —with a message to you to get off their trail, and then they'll release him. If you come after them, they'll kill Hal! What're you going to do, Tim?"

"Hostage! Oh, *no*, not that! That's the worst thing they could do to me," said Tim, as he and his men slowed down their steeds.

"Well, they got him, and you got your choice, Tim! You can let them rustlers get away with their gold and get Hal back safe, or you can go after them. An' Tim, listen, no man here . . . no man anywhere would blame you if you let them get away into the next county."

"And none of us would be yellow enough to tell the folks in town that you did it."

Tim Lawson's eyes filled with tears, the tough tears of a fighting man when he finds real loyalty from his men. Along with the tears came a new feeling, a feeling that now, more than ever, he had to do his duty. He had been a good sheriff, and an honest one. That was why his men respected him. He couldn't shirk his duty now with his son's life at stake.

Tim reared Whirler and faced the posse.

"Thank you, my friends, all of you," said Tim Lawson, "but when I became sheriff of Clark County, I swore on a Bible to do my duty as I saw it. No personal feelings can change that oath I took. I'll do my duty now. And my duty is to catch these cattle-rustling coyotes and hang every one of them from the highest tree in this county!

"Let's get after them and and bring 'em back, alive or dead!"

Tim whirled on his mount and led the posse. They rode down Lone Eagle Trail, hooves flying, dust choking their throats, and . . . a prayer on the lips of every one of them that they could save Hal from death at the hands of the rustlers.

Finally, Tim held his right hand up in a signal to slow down and stop. His men circled around him and waited to hear the instructions that might mean death to any one of them, and to Hal as well.

"The smartest way to capture them is to surround the house they're holed up in, men," Tim told them. "Since that's the best way to save Hal's life, if there's any chance at all, I'm mighty glad that we can do it that way. But I want all of you ropers to know that I'm doing it this way because it's the *best* way, even if Hal wasn't a hostage."

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IT WAS SPRING, AND THE ENDLESS CYCLE OF LIFE WAS BEGINNING TO STIR AFTER ITS LONG WINTER SLEEP! THE RINGO KID HAD TRAVELED FAR TO PAY HOMAGE TO THE MEMORY OF THE CHEROKEE PRINCESS WHO HAD BEEN HIS MOTHER! BUT, EVEN HERE, DANGER LURKED!
DAWN STAR RAND
1841 —— 1941

THE RINGO KID WAS NOT ALONE! LOST IN REVERIE, HE DID NOT HEAR THE TREAD OF THE MASKED STRANGER BEHIND HIM ..
A WARNING SIXTH SENSE SENT THE KID WHIRLING ABOUT WITH CAT-LIKE GRACE!
DON'T SHOOT, SON!
CLICKETY CLICK
CLICK
JOE MANELY

DAD!
HELLO, SON! I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE! A STRANGE FORCE BROUGHT ME... PERHAPS THE KNOWLEDGE THAT I'D FIND YOU!
THE POWERFUL BONDS OF LOVE WERE-STILL DEEP-ROOTED BETWEEN THESE TWO HUNTED MEN, FATHER AND SON ...
YOU'VE GROWN STRONG, BOY... HARD AS A ROCK! I DON'T THINK I COULD'VE OUTDRAWN YOU WHEN YOU WHEELED ON ME!
WELL, IT JUST PROVES YOU WERE A GOOD TEACHER, DAD!
YOUR MOTHER FOUND PEACE! I HOPE SHE CAN'T SEE US NOW... HUNTED LIKE ANIMALS DAY AND NIGHT! ARE YOU MANAGING ALL RIGHT, SON?
I GET ALONG, DAD! SOMETIMES I YEARN FOR COMPANY! WHEN IT GETS REAL BAD, I HOLE UP IN THE HILLS TILL I GET OVER IT!
A ROPE WHISTLED THROUGH THE AIR AND SNAKED AROUND CORY RAND'S ARMS! THE RINGO KID WHIRLED, BUT IT WAS TOO LATE!
REACH, YUH VARMINT! IF YUH PULL HARDWARE, WE'LL BLOW YUH TO KINGDOM COME!
MOVE UP HERE, SO WE CAN DUMP YORE HOLSTERS!
QUITE A HAUL, EH? THAR'S A HIGH TAG RUNNIN' ON BOTH THEIR HEADS!
I'M MAKING A BREAK! DUCK WHEN I DO, DAD!
LIKE A FLASH OF HEAT LIGHTNING, THE RINGO KID'S GUNS SLID OUT AND SLAMMED INTO ACTION AS HE SPRINTED FOR HIS HORSE...
GO IT, BOY! DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! BREAK OUT!
THE INDIAN TRAINING OF HIS YOUTH HELPED THE KID IN HIS BID FOR FREEDOM ...
DON'T GO AFTER HIM! KEEP YORE GUN HANDY ON THIS VARMINT!
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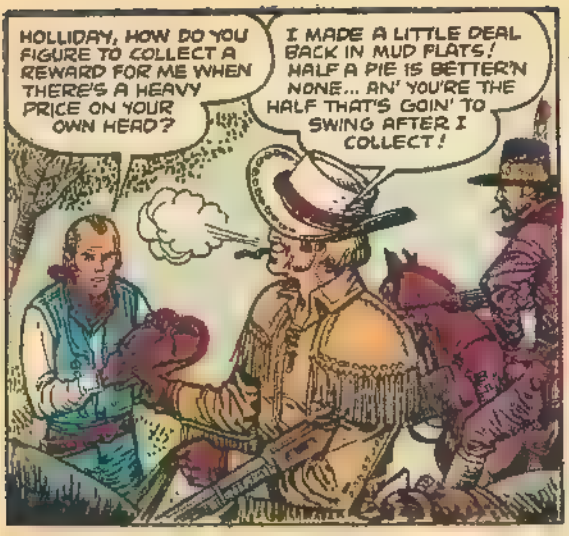
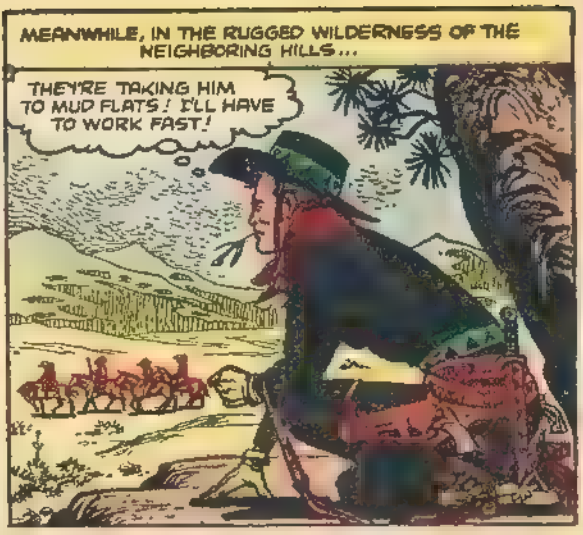

HOLLIDAY, HOW DO YOU FIGURE TO COLLECT A REWARD FOR ME WHEN THERE'S A HEAVY PRICE ON YOUR OWN HEAD?
I MADE A LITTLE DEAL BACK IN MUD FLATS! HALF A PIE IS BETTER'N NONE... AN' YOU'RE THE HALF THAT'S GOIN' TO SWING AFTER I COLLECT!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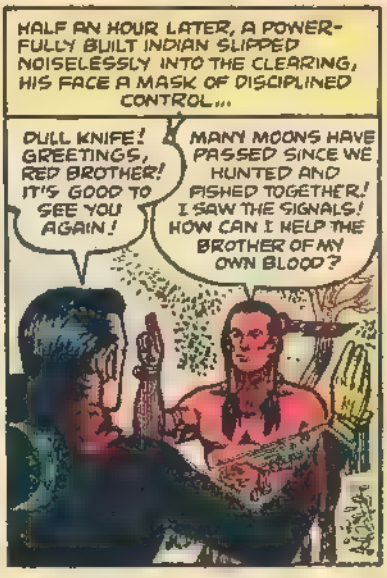
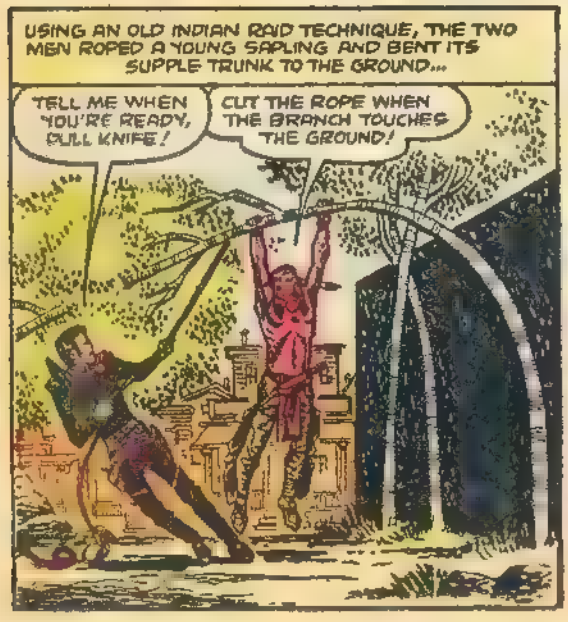
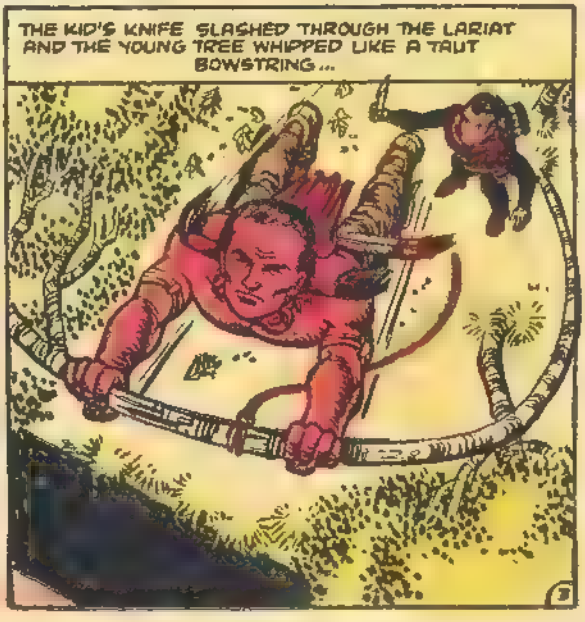
THEY'RE TAKING HIM TO MUD FLATS! I'LL HAVE TO WORK FAST!

THE KID BUSIED HIMSELF OVER A FIRE AND CAREFULLY SENT PUFFS OF SMOKE BILLOWING UPWARD TO THE SKIES...

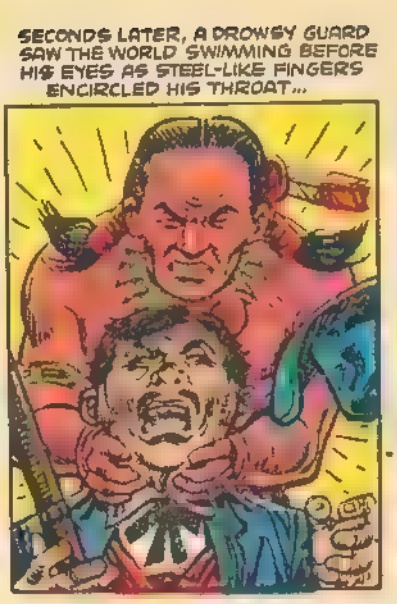

HALF AN HOUR LATER, A POWERFULLY BUILT INDIAN SLIPPED NOISELESSLY INTO THE CLEARING, HIS FACE A MASK OF DISCIPLINED CONTROL...
DULL KNIFE! GREETINGS, RED BROTHER! IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
MANY MOONS HAVE PASSED SINCE WE HUNTED AND FISHED TOGETHER! I SAW THE SIGNALS! HOW CAN I HELP THE BROTHER OF MY OWN BLOOD?

DUSK HAD FALLEN OVER THE BORDER TOWN OF MUD FLATS, WHEN A LITHE WHITE MAN AND A REDSKIN SLIPPED LIKE GHOSTS THROUGH THE TOWN...
MY FATHER IS HELD PRISONER IN THE BUILDING YONDER! ONE OF US WILL HAVE TO GET O'ER THE WALL! THE REST WILL BE EASY!
I WILL GO OVER THE WALL! HELP ME FIRST, AND THEN GO SEEK THOSE WHO BETRAYED HIM!
JAIL

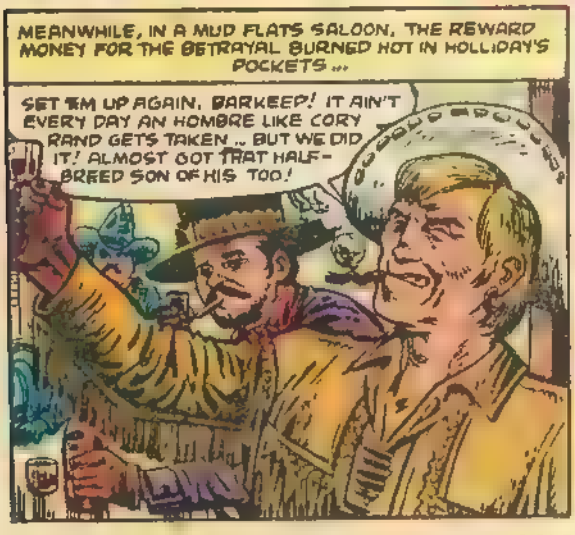

USING AN OLD INDIAN RAID TECHNIQUE, THE TWO MEN ROPED A YOUNG SAPLING AND BENT ITS SUPPLE TRUNK TO THE GROUND...
TELL ME WHEN YOU'RE READY, DULL KNIFE!
CUT THE ROPE WHEN THE BRANCH TOUCHES THE GROUND!

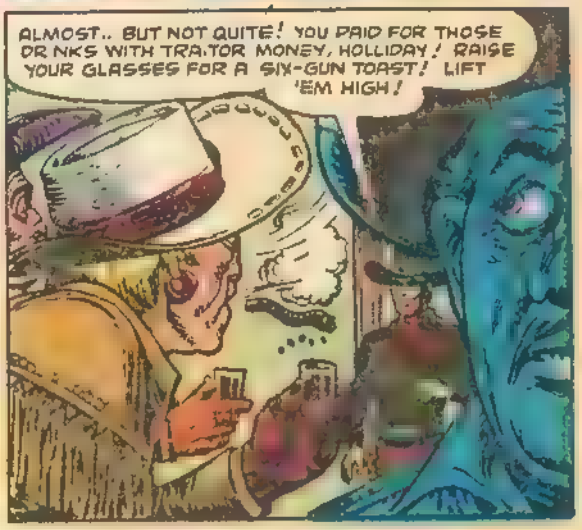

THE KID'S KNIFE SLASHED THROUGH THE LARIAT AND THE YOUNG TREE WHIPPED LIKE A TAUT BOWSTRING...

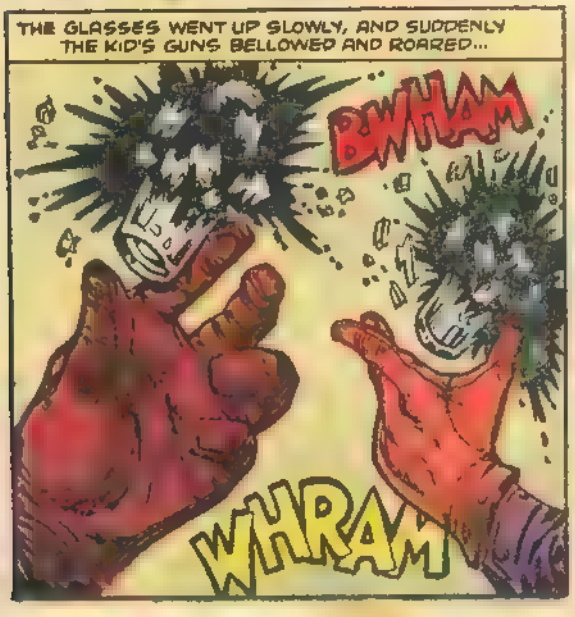
AS THE TREE REACHED THE ZENITH OF ITS ARC, DULL KNIFE CATAPULTED OVER THE WALL WITH THE EASE AND GRACE OF A SPRINGING PANTHER...


SECONDS LATER, A DROWSY GUARD SAW THE WORLD SWIMMING BEFORE HIS EYES AS STEEL-LIKE FINGERS ENCIRCLED HIS THROAT...

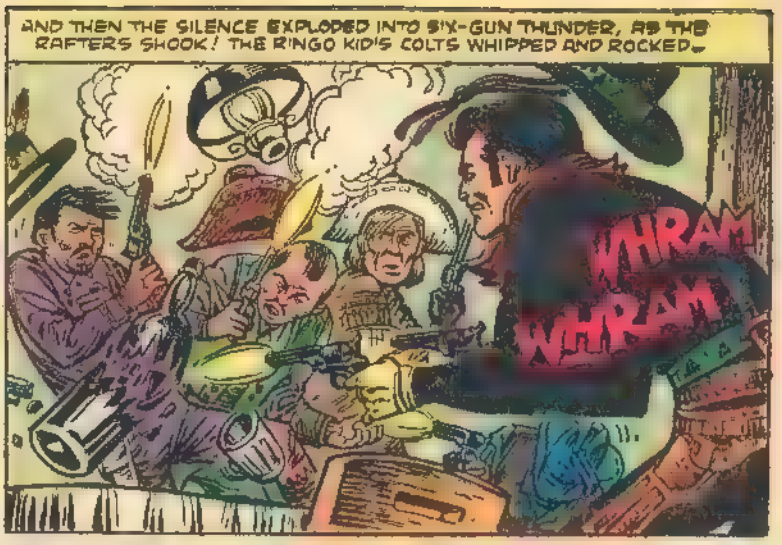
DULL KNIFE! YOU HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN!
NOT WHILE THE GREAT SPIRIT GIVES ME LIFE WILL I FORGET A BROTHER! QUICKLY, WE ARE NOT [illegible] YET!


MEANWHILE, IN A MUD FLATS SALOON, THE REWARD MONEY FOR THE BETRAYAL BURNED HOT IN HOLLIDAY'S POCKETS...
SET 'EM UP AGAIN, BARKEEP! IT AIN'T EVERY DAY AN HOMBRE LIKE CORY RAND GETS TAKEN .. BUT WE DID IT! ALMOST GOT THAT HALF-BREED SON OF HIS TOO!


ALMOST.. BUT NOT QUITE! YOU PAID FOR THOSE DRINKS WITH TRAITOR MONEY, HOLLIDAY! RAISE YOUR GLASSES FOR A SIX-GUN TOAST! LIFT 'EM HIGH!


THE GLASSES WENT UP SLOWLY, AND SUDDENLY THE KID'S GUNS BELLOWED AND ROARED...
BWHAM
WHRAM

SENSING DISASTER, THE PATRONS DUCKED FOR SHELTER . WHILE THE RINGO KID HELD HIS FIRE, WAITING FOR GYP HOLLIDAY TO MAKE HIS STAND
GIVE YOURSELF LOTS OF BULGE, HOLLIDAY! SPREAD OUT AND FILL YOUR HANDS!


AND THEN THE SILENCE EXPLODED INTO SIX-GUN THUNDER, AS THE RAFTERS SHOOK! THE RINGO KID'S COLTS WHIPPED AND ROCKED...
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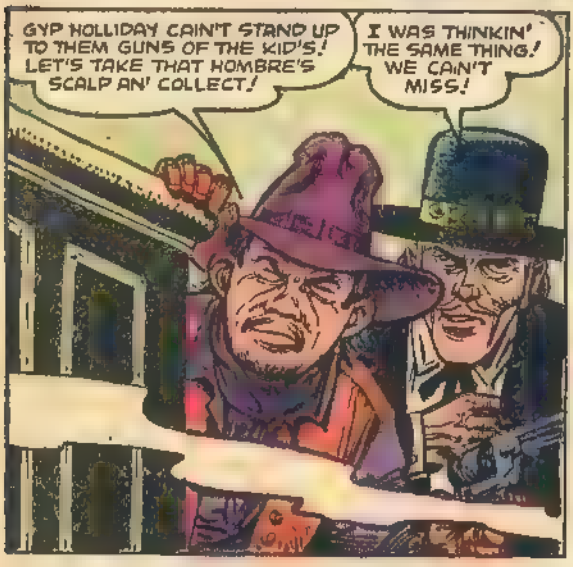
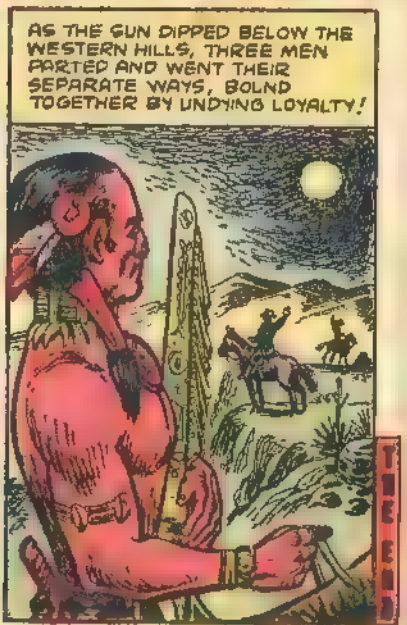

GYP HOLLIDAY CAIN'T STAND UP TO THEM GUNS OF THE KID'S! LET'S TAKE THAT HOMBRE'S SCALP AN' COLLECT!
I WAS THINKIN' THE SAME THING! WE CAIN'T MISS!


AS THE SUN DIPPED BELOW THE WESTERN HILLS, THREE MEN PARTED AND WENT THEIR SEPARATE WAYS, BOUND TOGETHER BY UNDYING LOYALTY!
THE END

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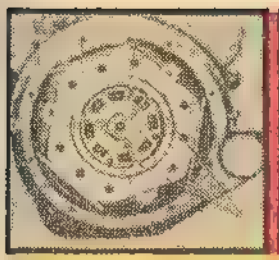

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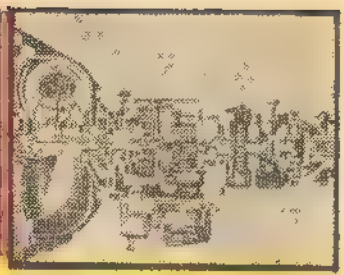

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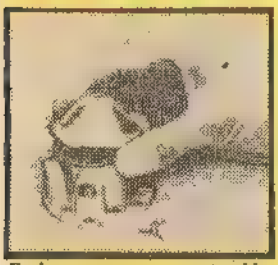

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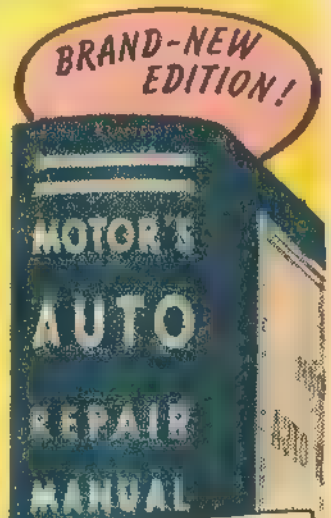

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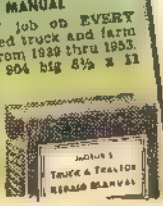

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"You sure are right about that, Tim," Deputy Hale told him. "And we know you're doing this the right way, the way you've always done everything. We're with you, Tim."

"Thanks, Billy, and now, here's the way we're going to round up these hombres. Billy, you take two men and take the trail to the east. Turn back in toward the house at Split Rock and wait behind some rocks until I shout. Danny, you do the same from the west. Blaze, take the back of the house, and I'll take the front. I have a special reason for taking the front, men. If they get away in any direction, it will have to be that way, and they'll have to run *right over me!*

"If they come out at all," he continued solemnly, "that'll mean they killed Hal, and I'll want them to get *me* too. Life won't be worth livin' if they take away Hal.

"But, here's where we trap them! If they get past me, Tex becomes sheriff. And Tex, you'll be waitin' back there with three men to ambush them, a few hundred yards behind me, where they won't expect anybody. They'll think that once they're past *me*, they can escape."

Tim lowered his voice, so husky with emotion he could hardly speak.

"I better say good-by, men! I think Hal and me, the last two Lawsons in Clark County, will be leaving the county for good . . . I don't expect either of us to live through this attack."

"We'll get you through, Tim, both of you, if anyone can," one of the men murmured, and then Tim stood high in his saddle.

"Get to your positions now," he ordered, "and good luck to all of us!"

The three details went their various ways, and Tim talked quietly with Tex and the others until it was time for him to take his position in front of the house. Once there, he crouched behind a rock.

"The house is surrounded," Tim bellowed. "You're outnumbered three to one. Come out with your hands high, or we'll fill the house with lead! And don't touch Hal Lawson, or you'll have a murder on your heads besides the rustling charge!"

"We're coming out, Lawson," one of the desperadoes called out, "but we're using your boy as a shield!"

The front door flew open. Out came three gunmen, and walking right in front of them was easy-going Hal.

Hal shouted, "Forget me, Dad! Get these coyotes!"

But Tim gave no order to shoot. Had he turned soft? Was he afraid? Was Tim Lawson to forget, for the first time in his life, his duty to his townsmen and the oath he swore?

The four men approached the spot where Tim lay in hiding. As they stepped alongside, not seeing him, he pounced on Hal from behind the rock which had concealed him, threw Hal down into his hiding place; and he opened fire, standing face to face with the bandits, guns blazing. And as he went down, mortally wounded, Tim shouted to his posse to open fire on the desperadoes.

Soon there were four dead men lying in the dust, Tim and the three gunmen. The posse closed in and made a circle around the still body of Sheriff Lawson.

They said a silent prayer for their dead leader, and then Tex leaned down and removed Tim's silver star. He turned to Hal, and said:

"Tim said for me to be sheriff, if he died. I've had the job about five minutes now, but there's a better man here, and he should be wearin' this star. The brave son of a brave father . . ."

And Tex pinned the star on Hal.

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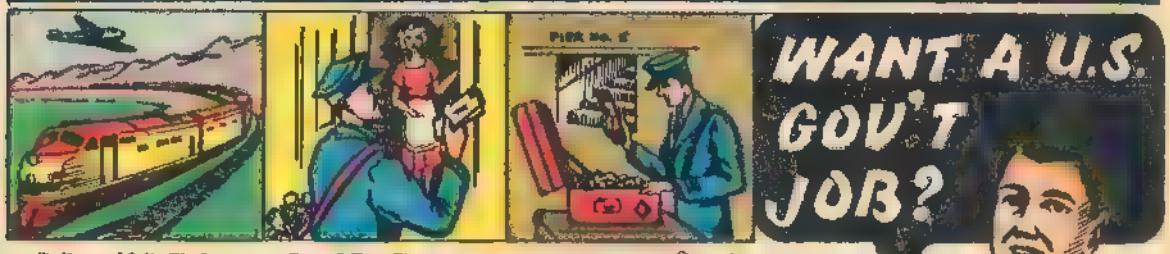

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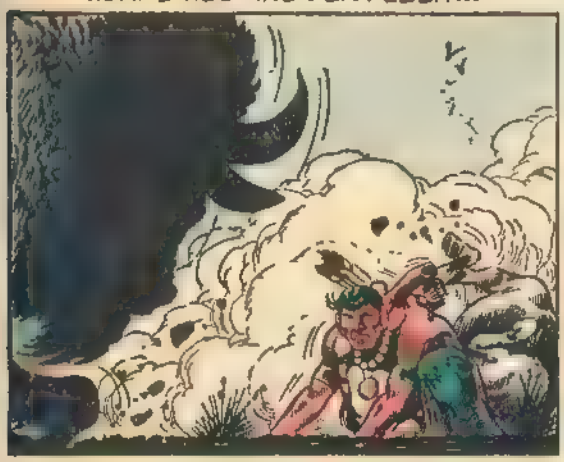
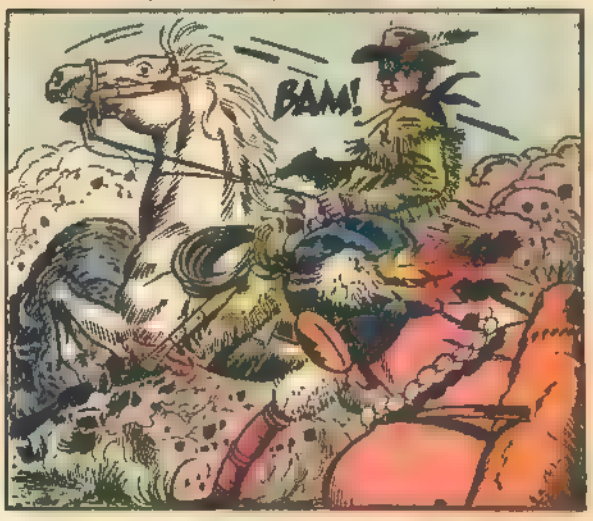
HE FOUND THE BUFFALO HERD IN A SMALL VALLEY. HE NEEDED MEAT, AFTER A LONG AND GRUELING CHASE BY SCALP-HUNTING SIOUX...
HA! THRU THE LUNGS! THIS ONE WILL BAWL IN FURY AND RUN A WHILE BEFORE HE DIES!
THUK!
THEN IT HAPPENED... A GOPHER HOLE MASKED BY THE SAGE, AND EAGLE, THE SURE-FOOTED WAR PONY, FOUND THE GROUND CAVING BENEATH HIS FLYING HOOFS...
JOE SINNOTT

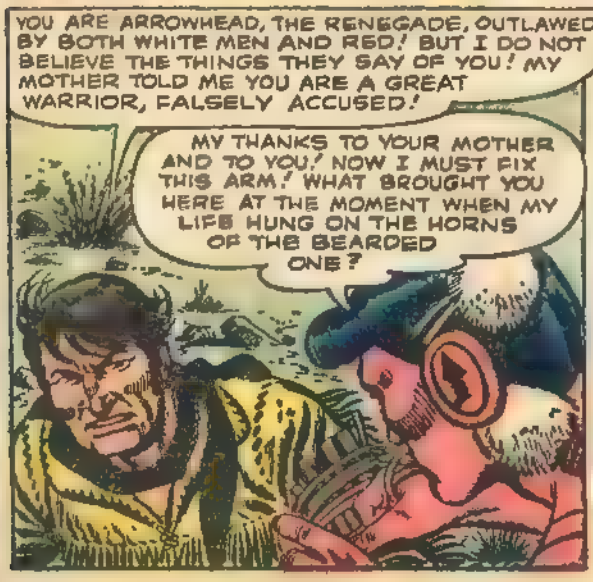
THE MADDENED, BLEEDING BUFFALO SAW HIS ENEMY ON THE GROUND, TRAMPLED THE PRAIRIE AND CHARGED, HIS LITTLE RED EYES GLEAMING WITH THE LUST TO KILL, HIS SHARP BLACK HORNS HOOKING FOR FLESH...



THEN A FLASH OF WHITE BETWEEN ARROWHEAD AND CERTAIN DEATH...

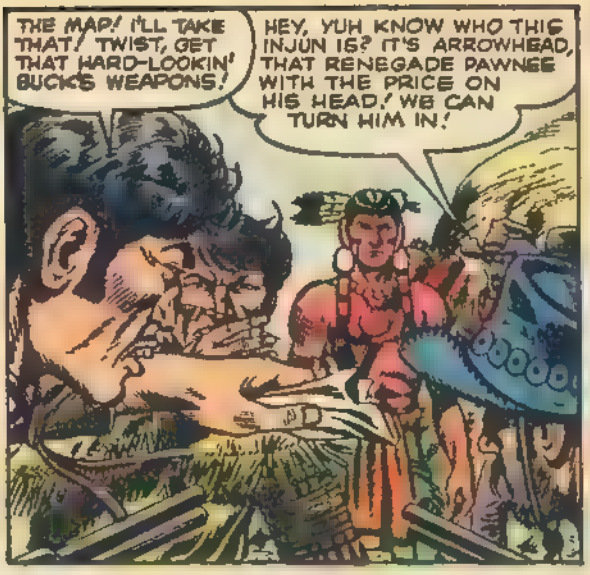


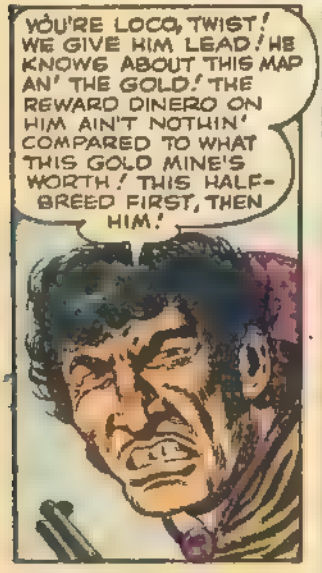
YES, IT IS BROKEN! YOU SAVED MY LIFE AT THE RISK OF YOUR OWN! THIS IS A GRAVE DEBT TO A PAWNEE!
I KNOW! MY MOTHER WAS A PAWNEE, MY FATHER A SCOTCH TRADER! I AM CALLED SAM BEAVER!


YOU ARE ARROWHEAD, THE RENEGADE, OUTLAWED BY BOTH WHITE MEN AND RED! BUT I DO NOT BELIEVE THE THINGS THEY SAY OF YOU! MY MOTHER TOLD ME YOU ARE A GREAT WARRIOR, FALSELY ACCUSED!
MY THANKS TO YOUR MOTHER AND TO YOU! NOW I MUST FIX THIS ARM! WHAT BROUGHT YOU HERE AT THE MOMENT WHEN MY LIFE HUNG ON THE HORNS OF THE BEARDED ONE?

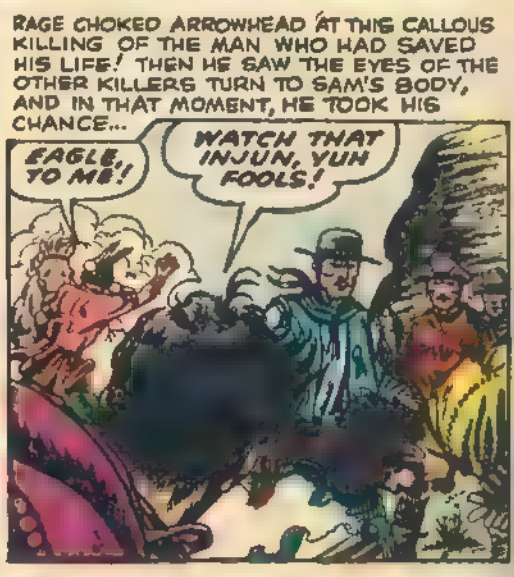
I FLED FROM FOUR MEN! I MET THEM IN SUTTER'S FORT AND THEY BOUGHT ME DRINKS! FOOLISHLY, I SHOWED THEM THIS MAP MY MOTHER GAVE ME OF A PLACE WHERE THE PAWNEES MINE GOLD FOR THEIR ORNAMENTS! THEY TRIED TO TAKE IT AND I GOT AWAY!

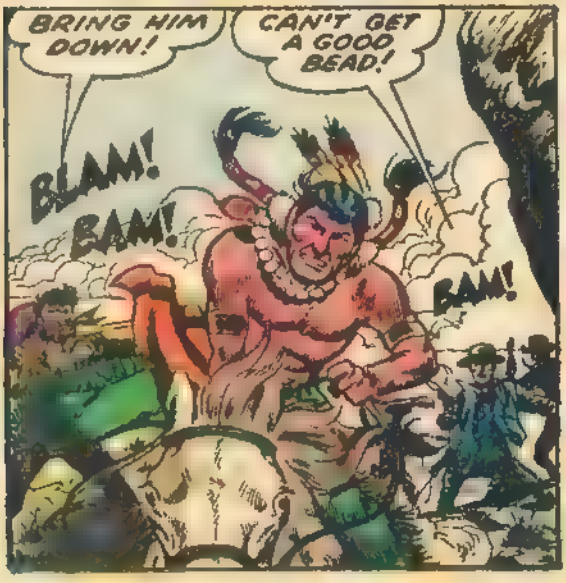
DON'T MOVE! WE GOT THE DROP ON YUH!
IT'S THE ONES I SPOKE OF!

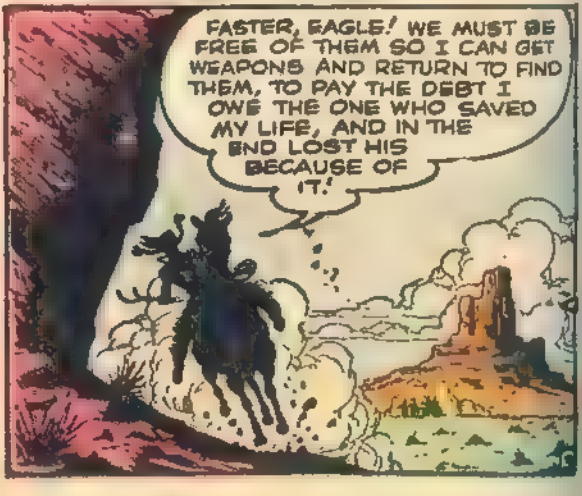

THE MAP! I'LL TAKE THAT! TWIST, GET THAT HARD-LOOKIN' BUCK'S WEAPONS!
HEY, YUH KNOW WHO THIS INJUN IS? IT'S ARROWHEAD, THAT RENEGADE PAWNEE WITH THE PRICE ON HIS HEAD! WE CAN TURN HIM IN!


YOU'RE LOCO, TWIST! WE GIVE HIM LEAD! HE KNOWS ABOUT THIS MAP AN' THE GOLD! THE REWARD DINERO ON HIM AIN'T NOTHIN' COMPARED TO WHAT THIS GOLD MINE'S WORTH! THIS HALF-BREED FIRST, THEN HIM!

BLAM!


RAGE CHOKED ARROWHEAD AT THIS CALLOUS KILLING OF THE MAN WHO HAD SAVED HIS LIFE! THEN HE SAW THE EYES OF THE OTHER KILLERS TURN TO SAM'S BODY, AND IN THAT MOMENT, HE TOOK HIS CHANCE...
EAGLE, TO ME!
WATCH THAT INJUN, YUH FOOLS!


BRING HIM DOWN!
CAN'T GET A GOOD BEAD!
BLAM!
BAM!
BAM!


HE RODE AS ONLY A PLAINS INDIAN CAN RIDE, HEADING FOR THE VOLCANIC RIDGES WHERE A HORSE LEAVES NO TRAIL... AND BEHIND HIM THE KILLERS POUNDED...
FASTER, EAGLE! WE MUST BE FREE OF THEM SO I CAN GET WEAPONS AND RETURN TO FIND THEM, TO PAY THE DEBT I OWE THE ONE WHO SAVED MY LIFE, AND IN THE END LOST HIS BECAUSE OF IT!

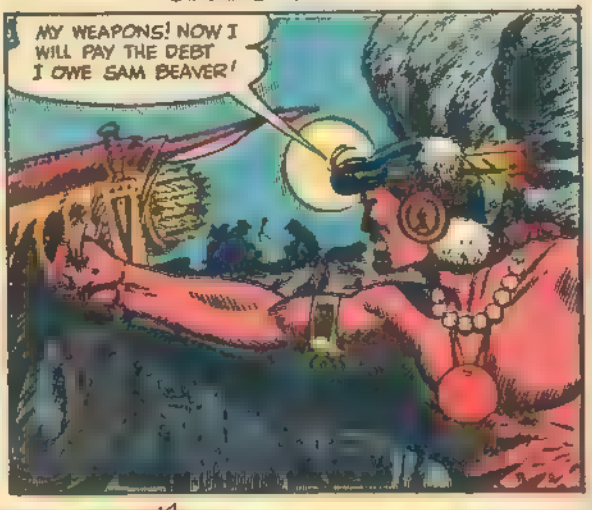
BUT SOON THE GALLANT STALLION BEGAN TO LIMP...
THE HOOF THAT WENT INTO THE PRAIRIE DOG'S HOLE...IT IS SWOLLEN! THE PALEFACE KILLERS WILL GAIN QUICKLY, AND IF I RIDE YOU MUCH FURTHER LIKE THIS, YOU WILL BE LAMED FOR LIFE!
I WOULD NOT DO THIS TO YOU, FAITHFUL ONE! I WILL GO OVER THE CLIFF! IT WILL TAKE UNTIL SUNDOWN FOR THEM TO CIRCLE AND COME DOWN AGAIN!
QUICKLY, THE WARRIOR FASTENED THE ROPE TO AN OUTCROPPING OF ROUGH ROCK, THEN LOWERED HIMSELF OVER THE SIDE...
THEY ARE TOO CLOSE FOR ME TO MAKE IT DOWN TO THE BOTTOM! I WILL HAVE TO SEEK SHELTER FROM THEIR BULLETS UNDER ONE OF THE LEDGES BELOW, UNTIL DARK!
BUT THE BRUTAL KILLERS SLAMMED UP FASTER THAN HE HAD THOUGHT, AND BEFORE HE HAD REACHED THE SHELTERING LEDGE BELOW...
WHAT A TARGET!
WAIT! I'LL CUT THE ROPE! LET HIM SMASH ONTO THE ROCKS DOWN THERE!
THERE HE GOES!
HE HURTLED DOWNWARD, THEN, LIKE A PUMA HE TWISTED IN THE AIR, HIS HAND STREAKING OUT...
NOW I MUST WAIT FOR NIGHT...AND TONIGHT WILL BE MOONLESS AND DARK! THEN I WILL CLIMB DOWN THE FACE OF THE CLIFF!
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!

IT WAS GROWING DARK NOW, AND ARROWHEAD WAITED UNTIL THE BOOTS OF THE KILLER WERE IN REACH! THEN HE GRABBED THEM AND PUSHED THEM AWAY FROM THE CLIFF WALL WITH ALL HIS SINEWY STRENGTH...

THAT WAS THE LAST ATTEMPT THEY MADE TO REACH THE LEDGE! NIGHT FELL FAST THEN, LIKE A BLACK BLANKET... AND ARROWHEAD MADE HIS MOVE...

ONE SMALL SLIP, AND THE ROCKS BELOW WILL BE THIS PAWNEE'S GRAVE! ONE SOUND AND THE KILLERS WILL COVER THE CLIFF FACE WITH LEAD!

HE REACHED THE BOTTOM, CIRCLED AND CAME BACK TO THE TOP OF THE CLIFF WITH THE STEALTH OF A STALKING WOLF...

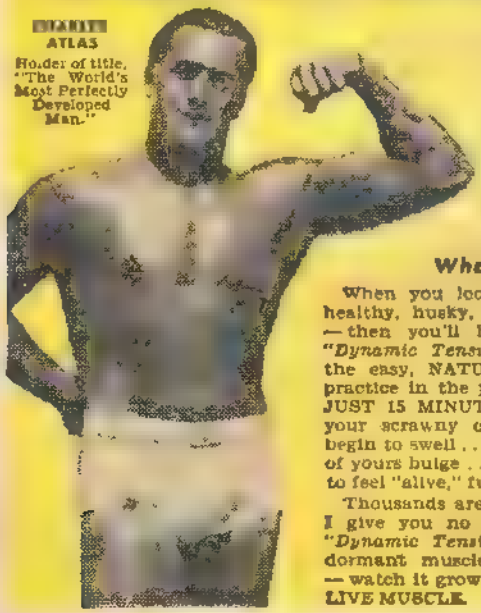


HE BURIED SAM BEAVER BENEATH A CAIRN OF STONES, AND WITH HIM HE BURIED THE MAP...

ATLAS FOR THE BEST IN WESTERN THRILLS LOOK FOR THE ATLAS SEAL ON THE COVER! ATLAS

Hey SKINNY!
...YER RIBS ARE SHOWING!
DON'T LET HIM HIT YOU, JOE!
WATCH WHAT YOU SAY, FELLA...
SHUT UP, YOU BAG OF BONES!
DARN IT! I'M TIRED OF BEING A SKINNY SCARECROW CHARLES ATLAS SAYS HE CAN MAKE ME A NEW MAN! I'LL GAMBLE A STAMP AND GET HIS FREE BOOK
LATER
BOY! IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG. WHAT A BUILD NOW I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT BULLY
HERE'S A LOVE-TAP— FROM THAT "BAG OF BONES," REMEMBER?
OH, JOE! YOU ARE A REAL HE-MAN, AFTER ALL
WHAT A MAN
AND HE USED TO BE SO SKINNY!

I Can Make YOU a New Man, Too, In Only 15 Minutes a Day!



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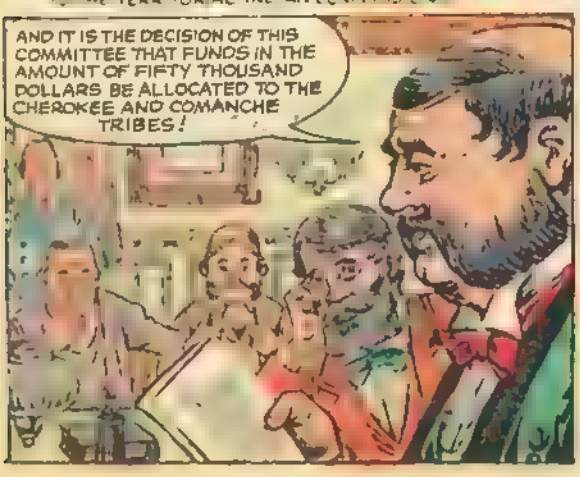
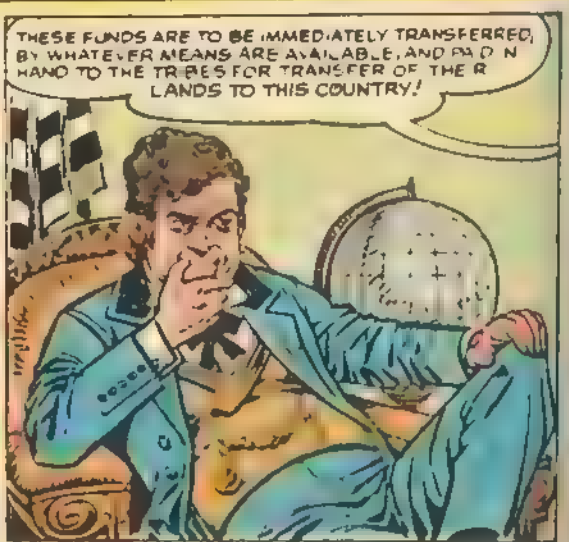
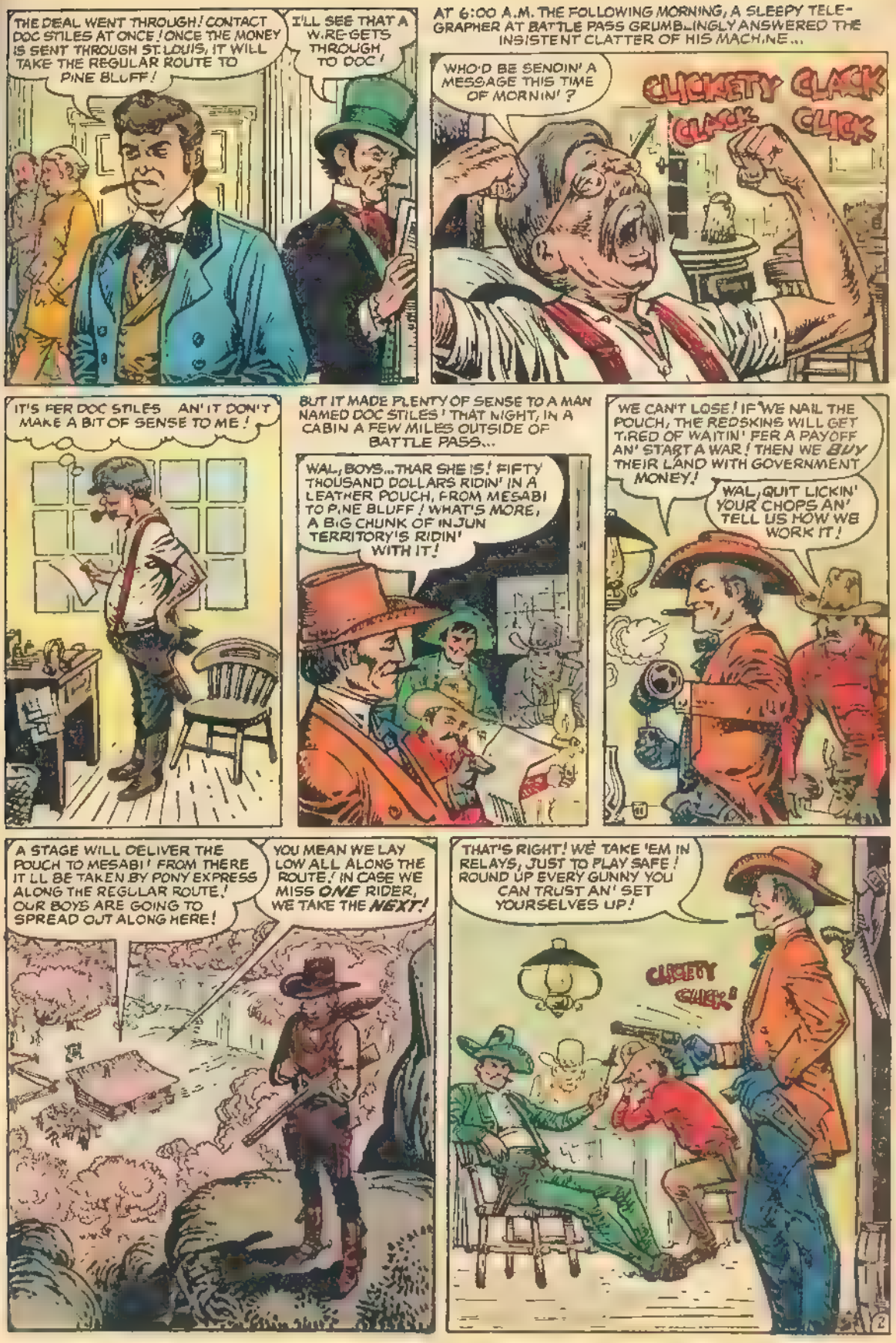
RINGO KID

THE FATE OF A GREAT TERRITORY HUNG IN THE BALANCE, WHILE DESTINY, WITH BITTER IRONY, CHOSE A HUNTED OUTLAW TO PLAY THE ROLE OF A PATRIOT! IN A LEATHER POUCH, *THE RINGO KID* CARRIED THE PRECIOUS DOCUMENTS WHICH COULD ALTER THE COURSE OF HISTORY!

DURING THE YEARS OF WESTERN EXPANSION, A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING IN WASHINGTON D.C. READ ITS DECISION TO THE TERRITORIAL INDIAN COMMISSION.


AND IT IS THE DECISION OF THIS COMMITTEE THAT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS BE ALLOCATED TO THE CHEROKEE AND COMANCHE TRIBES!


THESE FUNDS ARE TO BE IMMEDIATELY TRANSFERRED, BY WHATEVER MEANS ARE AVAILABLE, AND PAID IN HAND TO THE TRIBES FOR TRANSFER OF THEIR LANDS TO THIS COUNTRY!


THE DEAL WENT THROUGH! CONTACT DOC STILES AT ONCE! ONCE THE MONEY IS SENT THROUGH ST. LOUIS, IT WILL TAKE THE REGULAR ROUTE TO PINE BLUFF!
I'LL SEE THAT A WIRE GETS THROUGH TO DOC!
AT 6:00 A.M. THE FOLLOWING MORNING, A SLEEPY TELEGRAPHER AT BATTLE PASS GRUMBLINGLY ANSWERED THE INSISTENT CLATTER OF HIS MACHINE...
WHO'D BE SENDIN' A MESSAGE THIS TIME OF MORNIN'?
CLICKETY CLACK CLACK CLICK
IT'S FER DOC STILES AN' IT DON'T MAKE A BIT OF SENSE TO ME!
BUT IT MADE PLENTY OF SENSE TO A MAN NAMED DOC STILES! THAT NIGHT, IN A CABIN A FEW MILES OUTSIDE OF BATTLE PASS...
WAL, BOYS...THAR SHE IS! FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS RIDIN' IN A LEATHER POUCH, FROM MESABI TO PINE BLUFF! WHAT'S MORE, A BIG CHUNK OF INJUN TERRITORY'S RIDIN' WITH IT!
WE CAN'T LOSE! IF WE NAIL THE POUCH, THE REDSKINS WILL GET TIRED OF WAITIN' FER A PAYOFF AN' START A WAR! THEN WE BUY THEIR LAND WITH GOVERNMENT MONEY!
WAL, QUIT LICKIN' YOUR CHOPS AN' TELL US HOW WE WORK IT!
A STAGE WILL DELIVER THE POUCH TO MESABI! FROM THERE IT'LL BE TAKEN BY PONY EXPRESS ALONG THE REGULAR ROUTE! OUR BOYS ARE GOING TO SPREAD OUT ALONG HERE!
YOU MEAN WE LAY LOW ALL ALONG THE ROUTE! IN CASE WE MISS ONE RIDER, WE TAKE THE NEXT!
THAT'S RIGHT! WE TAKE 'EM IN RELAYS, JUST TO PLAY SAFE! ROUND UP EVERY GUNNY YOU CAN TRUST AN' SET YOURSELVES UP!
CLICKETY CLICK!
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IT WAS EARLY DAWN WHEN THE *RINGO KID* WATCHED A DUST CLOUD SUDDENLY MERGE INTO THE SHAPE OF A HARD-RIDING PONY EXPRESS CARRIER...

PONY EXPRESS! THEY'RE THE BOYS WHO WELD THIS NATION TOGETHER, JOINING EAST TO WEST! RIDE HARD AN' GODSPEED!

SUDDENLY, THE RINGO KID'S FACE HARDENED, AND HIS EYES NARROWED TO ANGRY SLITS...

A BUSHWHACK PARTY! LET'S GO, BOY!

BLAM

WHRAM

BWAM

POW

THE STEEL JAWS OF THE AMBUSH SNAPPED SHUT AS THE RIDER SLITHERED FROM HIS SADDLE...

HE'S DOWN! GRAB THE POUCH AN' LET'S GO!

DEATH SUDDENLY WIELDED ITS SLASHING SCYTHE IN THE STACCATO RATTLE OF GUNFIRE, AS THE RINGO KID WHIRLED INTO ACTION!

BWHRAM WHRAM

LAY LOW AN' DON'T BUDGE!

I'M... DONE FER! T-TAKE THE POUCH AN' CARRY ON!

TALK UP! WHO'S PAYIN' YOU RUSTLER'S WAGES?

DOC STILES! HE'LL G-GET YOU AN' THE POUCH, TOO! HE GETS... WHAT HE... WANTS!

IT'S... UP TO YOU! GET THE POUCH THROUGH TO THE NEXT STATION! I KNOW... YOU'RE THE RINGO KID, B-BUT I TRUST YOU, BOY!

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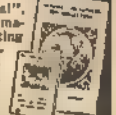

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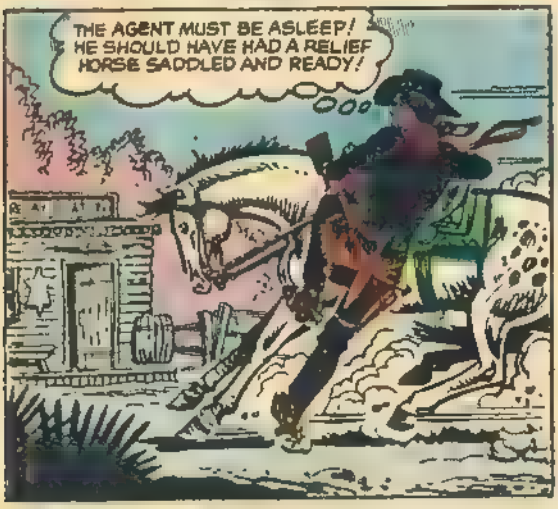
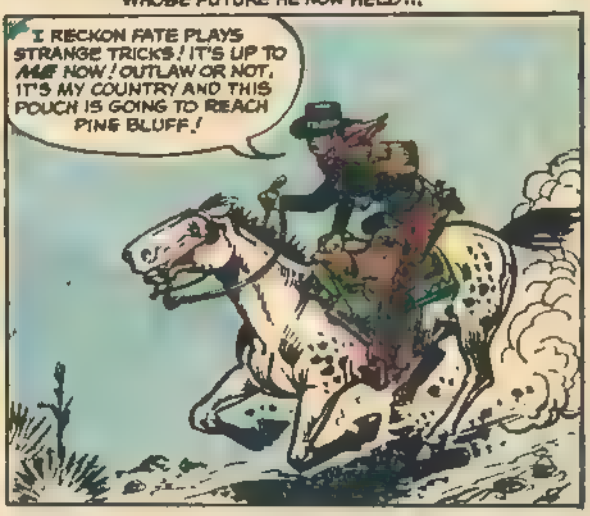


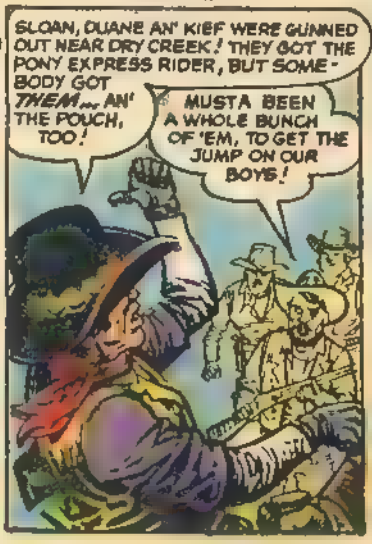
WHAT HAPPENED? WHO DID IT?
THEY'RE AFTER... THE POUCH! MONEY AND... DOCUMENTS! THE FUTURE OF THIS TERRITORY IS AT STAKE! DELIVER TO PINE BLUFF!

SUDDENLY THE FULL WEIGHT OF RESPONSIBILITY BORE HEAVILY DOWN ON THE MAN WHO WAS HUNTED IN THE VERY TERRITORY WHOSE FUTURE HE NOW HELD...



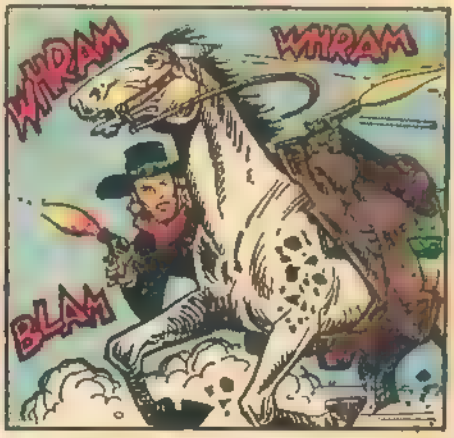
HE WAS ALERT NOW, AWARE OF THE DEATH THAT LURKED ON THE ROUTE AHEAD! HE WAS PITTING HIS SKILL AND BRAINS AGAINST THEIRS...

MEANWHILE, AT THE JUNCTION OF SQUAW SPRINGS AND TENDERFOOT FORK...

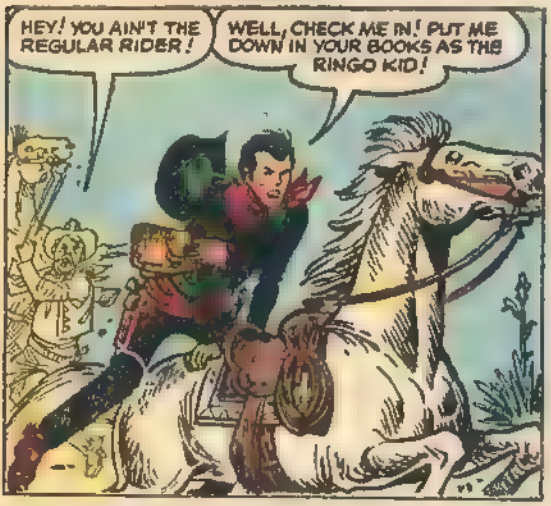

SLOAN, DUANE AN' KIEF WERE GUNNED OUT NEAR DRY CREEK! THEY GOT THE PONY EXPRESS RIDER, BUT SOMEBODY GOT THEM... AN' THE POUCH, TOO!
MUSTA BEEN A WHOLE BUNCH OF 'EM, TO GET THE JUMP ON OUR BOYS!

THE RINGO KID SAW THE TRAP AS HE THUNDERED DOWN THE DRY BED OF SQUAW SPRINGS LATER! ONLY ONE COURSE OF ACTION WAS OPEN, AND HE TOOK IT...

THEY CLOSED IN, BUT THE RINGO KID'S GUNS TOOK THEM IN STRIDE AS THE KID CLUNG COMANCHE-STYLE TO THE NECK OF HIS HORSE...



THE STATION AT DEVIL'S GAP STILL STOOD, AND THE KID SWITCHED HORSES WITHOUT TOUCHING FOOT TO THE GROUND...



MEANWHILE, WHERE THE TRAIL FLASHED ACROSS TUMBLEWEED FLATS...

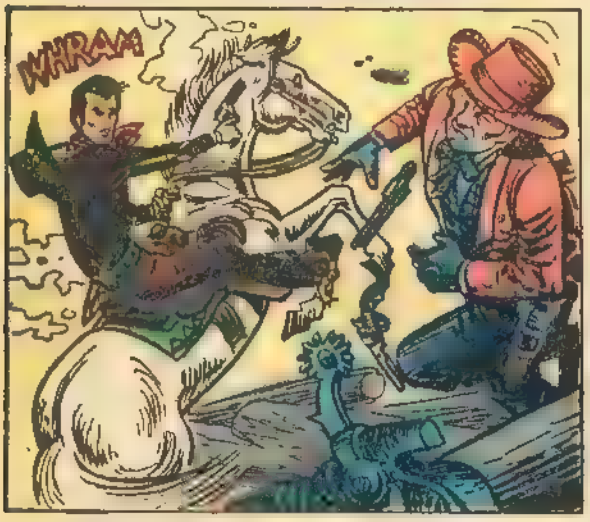
I DON'T KNOW WHO THIS RANNY IS, BUT IF HE HANDLES PETE'S GANG LIKE HE HANDLED DUANE, SLOAN, AN' KIEF, WE'LL NEED LOTS OF FIRE TO STOP HIM!

BUT THE RINGO KID WAS ALREADY THUNDERING DOWN A SHALLOW RAVINE BETWEEN TWO SOARING WALLS OF FLAME...

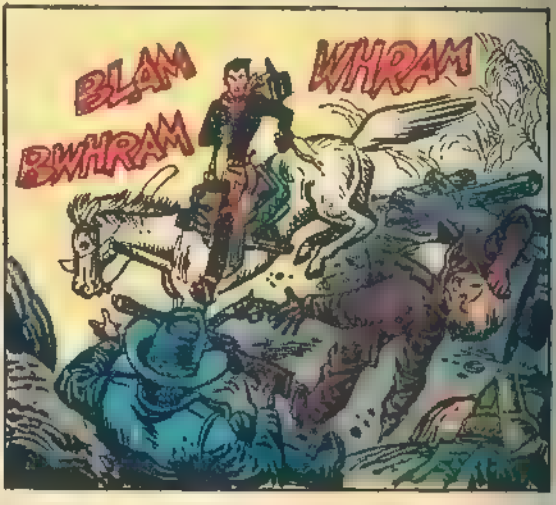
THEY WERE WAITING ON THE OTHER SIDE WATCHING THE FLAMES, WHEN SUDDENLY, A FIERY SPECTER BURST THROUGH!

IT WAS DOC STILES WHO STARED WITH FASCINATED HORROR AT THE FIGURE THUNDERING DOWN LIKE A PALL OF DOOM...

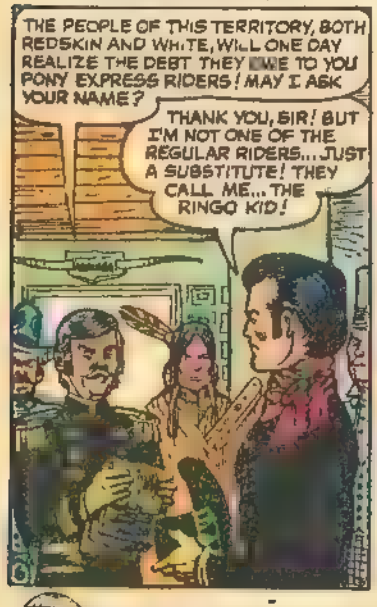
IN FOUR SECONDS OF TERROR AND TURMOIL, THE RINGO KID'S GUNS REAPED A HARVEST OF DEATH...



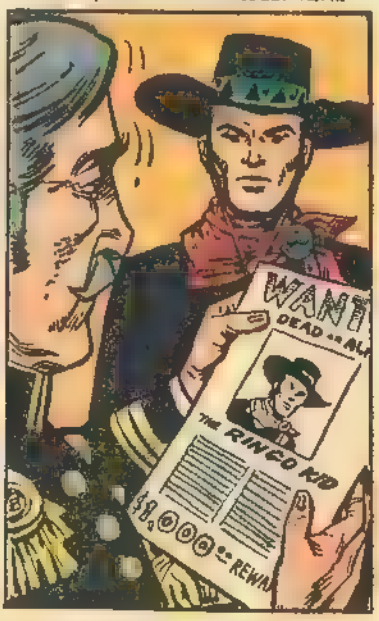
THE K.D JABBED HIS SPURS DEEP INTO HIS HORSE'S FLANKS AND SENT HIM SURGING OVER THE TOP TO FREEDOM AND THE ROAD BEYOND!



AT PINE BLUFF, A DELEGATION OF WHITE OFFICIALS AND INDIAN CHIEFS WELCOMED THE ARRIVAL OF THE PRECIOUS LEATHER POUCH...


THE PEOPLE OF THIS TERRITORY, BOTH REDSKIN AND WHITE, WILL ONE DAY REALIZE THE DEBT THEY OWE TO YOU PONY EXPRESS RIDERS! MAY I ASK YOUR NAME?
THANK YOU, SIR! BUT I'M NOT ONE OF THE REGULAR RIDERS... JUST A SUBSTITUTE! THEY CALL ME... THE RINGO KID!

THE COLONEL GLANCED DOWN AT THE POSTER WHICH HAD ARRIVED IN THE POUCH, AND STARED VIOLENTLY...



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ATLAS FOR THE BEST IN WESTERN THRILLS LOOK FOR THE ATLAS SEAL ON THE COVER! ATLAS

LOOK AT
SKINNY!
I wouldn't be seen with her!
LATER
AM I PROUD OF THE WAY THE BOYS LOOK AT YOU
AND SHE USED TO BE SO SKINNY!
WOW!
WHAT A GIRL!

SKINNY

MEN ARE OFTEN ASHAMED TO STRIP FOR SPORTS OR FOR A SWIM!

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